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University of San Diego

<https://www.sandiego.edu/law/academics/llm-programs/comparative-law.php>

LLM in Comparative Law (for international attorneys)

Key Program Features

For over 40 years, the LLM in Comparative Law program has provided international law school graduates with the opportunity to design a program that specifically suits their academic interests and professional goals. The program offers candidates maximum flexibility in selecting courses from a contemporary and dynamic curriculum, and is ideal for attorneys, judges, professors and other graduates of international law schools. *Please note that the program name is not meant to suggest that students must study comparative law. Rather, the program name reflects the international character of our students and the various legal systems they come from.*

- Courses for this program may be selected from many subject areas, including Business and Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Intellectual Property, International Law, and Taxation
- Combining fundamental courses in U.S. Law with the opportunity to select from a broad variety of electives allows candidates to develop a highly personalized LLM program
- Studying alongside JD and LLM students from the U.S. and around the world prepares LLM candidates to deal effectively with U.S. attorneys on questions of common interest, and to gain a comprehensive understanding of the law and policy in a wide array of subjects

Program Timeline

- Students may begin the program in the Fall or Spring term
- Full-time and part-time options are available (students with F-1 visas must attend full-time)
- **Full-time students are expected to complete the program in 1 academic year.** Part-time students may take up to 3 years. All foreign-educated attorneys on F-1 student visas are expected to complete the program in 1 year. A student's visa cannot be extended to provide additional time for the student to complete the program, absent compelling academic or medical reasons consistent with U.S. visa regulations.
- Coursework is offered in both the day and evening to accommodate different student needs

Degree Requirements

- A candidate for this LLM degree must successfully complete 25 credit hours of appropriate coursework.
- Required courses comprise 4 of the 25 credits:

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- *Introduction to U.S. Law (2 credits)*: This course provides a comprehensive overview of the U.S. legal system and comparatively introduces approaches to law, lawyering and legal processes
- *Legal Writing and Research for LLM in Comparative Law Candidates (2 credits)*: Students learn the research and writing techniques used by practicing U.S. attorneys, including training on both the Lexis and Westlaw electronic legal research systems
- Two of the 25 credits must fulfill a written work requirement, which may be satisfied through successful completion of a designated written work course
- Remaining credits may be chosen from our extensive upper-division elective offerings
- Full details of the degree requirements may be found in the School of Law Academic Rules in the [Student Handbook](#)
- General admission requirements (including class rank and English proficiency) can be found on our [Application Checklist](#) page

English Language Requirement

- Applicants are required to establish English competency through successful completion of an English language test ([TOEFL](#) or [IELTS](#)) in the event that: [1] the applicant's native language is not English, or [2] the applicant graduated from an international law school. **The minimum suggested TOEFL score is 93 (583 paper-based), and the minimum suggested academic IELTS score is 7.0**

Visa Information, LLM Tuition, Fees and Scholarships

- Please visit our [Financial Aid](#) page for tuition, fee and scholarship information
- If you require a student visa, please also visit our [Visa and Financial Information](#) page for further information
- Cost of Attendance: <https://www.sandiego.edu/law/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/>

Bar Exam Information

- **The LLM in Comparative Law is not designed to prepare international law school graduates to sit for a bar exam in the United States.** Candidates who plan to take a U.S. bar exam may wish to consider our [JD program](#). **However, some graduates of the USD LLM in Comparative Law program have taken bar exams in the U.S. with successful results.**
- Information about the State Bar of California may be obtained at www.calbar.ca.gov. The State Bar of California requires that international LLM students be graded on the same grading scale as JD students, and the University of San Diego School of Law follows this practice
- For information about the New York Bar examination, please visit <http://www.nybarexam.org/>

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- Information about the bar examination in other jurisdictions may be obtained by referring to individual state bar associations
- Please note that bar admission does not guarantee eligibility for employment in the U.S.

LLM Application and Deadlines - International Students

<https://www.sandiego.edu/law/admissions/international/application.php>

Deadlines

Priority deadlines are as follows:

- **Fall Admission:** File complete by June 1
- **Spring Admission:** File complete by November 1

Applications for admission will be considered on a space-available basis after the priority deadlines.

Application Instructions

We prefer application packages prepared by the Law School Admissions Council's ([LSAC](#)) credential evaluation and reporting service. This service allows you to use your computer to fill out your application and submit required supporting documents. Visit the [University of San Diego School of Law's LSAC site](#) to complete the application. LSAC will then send the electronic version of your application to our office.

We believe that this service offers a distinct advantage to all applicants, since it eliminates the need to authenticate official documents multiple times and it facilitates a speedy and accurate processing of the application.

Application Fee

There is no application fee.

Official TOEFL or IELTS English Language Exam Score

LLM applicants are required to establish competency in English through successful completion of an English language test ([TOEFL](#) or [IELTS](#)) in the event that: [1] the applicant's native language is not English, or [2] the applicant graduated from an international law school.

- Minimum suggested TOEFL score:
 - 93 points on Internet-based TOEFL
 - 583 points on paper-based TOEFL
- Minimum suggested IELTS score:
 - 7.0 points on academic IELTS

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- Please request that the test administrator submit your official TOEFL/IELTS score directly to LSAC, or to our office if not using LSAC (our TOEFL institutional code is 4849, and department code is 03). Institutional TOEFL/IELTS scores are not accepted.

Housing

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